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**California Secretary of State Dr. Shirley N. Weber  
Statement on Executive Order Issued by  
President Biden on Promoting Access to Voting**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – California Secretary of State Dr. Shirley N. Weber issued the following statement on [the executive order issued by President Joe Biden on promoting access to voting.](#)

“The 2020 General Election once again underscored the need and importance of expanding voter access in the United States. Americans, especially people of color, faced obstacles at every stage, including difficulties registering to vote to barriers at polling places. In order to maintain free, fair, and accessible elections, local, state and federal municipalities will need to work together to address challenges facing voters and continue to deliver safe and secure elections.

“I am encouraged to see President Biden’s latest Executive Order on expanding voter access. The Executive Order, which seeks to improve and modernize election processes across the nation, is an important step in an ongoing fight to decrease barriers to voting and, as a result, increase voter registration and voter turnout across the nation.

“Elections are the foundation of our democracy and continuing to adapt to the changing socioeconomic and environmental landscape is critical to ensuring every American citizen has the tools and resources they need to register to vote and have a say in their community. I support any initiative that seeks to expand access to voting and look forward to working with the Biden Administration and other federal agencies to continue our efforts expanding access to voter registration and election information for all Californians.”

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